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FROZEN COOKED DICED CHICKEN, INVITATION NO. 1, ANNOUNCEMENT
PY-294, **** RESTRICTED TO LIGHT FOWL ONLY ****

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell frozen cooked diced chicken meat produced from fowl as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, May 2. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, May 6. Deliveries are to be made from June 16 to June 30.

As announced by the Department on April 15, purchases of diced chicken produced from light fowl meat will create a much needed market for light spent fowl meat, which is produced from egg-type laying hens. Egg producers have been unable to dispose of egg laying hens in sufficient numbers because fowl processors cannot increase normal markets for fowl meat. Product must be produced under the Commodity Specification for Diced Chicken dated April 2005, however; the diced chicken must be produced from light fowl (4.5 pounds or less) meat for this Invitation. Under Announcement PY-294, regular entitlement purchases will begin with bids due June 6 for delivery July 16-30 and will not be restricted to light fowl only.

Offers will be invited from approved suppliers for frozen cooked diced chicken meat, produced from ready-to-cook fowl (a class of mature female chickens), packed in four 10-pound (4.54 kg) packages to a net weight of 40 pounds (18.14 kg) in each shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-294, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated April 2005, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-294, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY294
INVITATION : 001
COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 21 CHICKEN, DICED, FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/05 - 06/30/05

001	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	27,000
	WINDSOR	CT	TRUCK ONLY	13,000
002	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
	HATFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	10,000
	SHREWSBURY	MA	TRUCK ONLY	10,000
003	AUBURN	ME	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
004	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	80,000
005	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
006	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
007	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
008	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
009	ODESSA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
010	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
011	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	40,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 480,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 480,000

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Contracting Officer

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